

## **PROPOSED VERGE IMPROVEMENT – WARWICK AVENUE**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 For some time residents have complained of access difficulties and damage on a large area of highway verge on Warwick Avenue.
- 1.2 Investigations have shown that it is difficult to achieve a safe vehicular access and egress and that traditional paving schemes are difficult because of inadequate drainage in the area.
- 1.3 Approval is now sought to progress a scheme as shown on drawing number 11804/002 which will be available at the meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To approve consultation with residents on the proposed scheme.
- 2.2 To approve an approach to Derby Homes for funding towards the scheme.
- 2.3 To approve implementation of the scheme subject to agreement with the residents and sufficient funding being identified.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure the proposals are acceptable to nearby residents.
- 3.2 To seek a funding contribution from Derby Homes as a number of the fronting properties are Council houses.
- 3.3 To enable the scheme to be implemented.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Warwick Avenue, part of the A5111 ring road, was until recently a Trunk Road and the Highways Agency resisted increased vehicular access.

- 4.2 For some time local residents have gained access onto the grass verge and parked vehicles on it. This has resulted in the verge becoming muddy and of very untidy appearance.
- 4.3 Residents have requested access and the creation of a car parking area. Unfortunately, safe access and egress points are difficult to find and any scheme is expensive due to the presence of underground services and a lack of drainage in the area.
- 4.4 A scheme has been drawn up which seeks to address the various issues as well as possible. On the scheme the finished level has been left relatively high to reduce the need to protect or move services and cast in situ Grasscrete is proposed to facilitate natural drainage. However, the access arrangements are below the standard we would normally seek to achieve.
- 4.5 The scheme is a compromise and it is recommended residents are consulted on the proposals to see if they find them acceptable.

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| <b>Background papers:</b>            | None or list   |
| <b>List of appendices:</b>           | Appendix 1 – Implications                                    |

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**IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

- 1.1 The site difficulties mean that the scheme is expensive with an estimated cost of £50,000.
- 1.2 At the moment this funding is not included in any budget or programme but various funding sources may be able to contribute.
- 1.3 When the road was detrunked a small amount of funding was obtained towards tidying of the verge. The use of some highway maintenance funding would also be appropriate.
- 1.4 A number of the properties are Council Houses and it is intended to seek a contribution from Derby Homes towards the works. Other sources could include Area Panel and L.T.P.
- 1.5 A decision to proceed would not be taken until the full funding had been identified.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Works on the verge can be carried out using highways powers. Residents may need planning permission if they wish to gain vehicular access to their gardens.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 The scheme would be managed as a normal highways scheme.

**Equalities impact**

- 4.1 None

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5.1 The proposal will help the appearance of the area and help build a strong and positive neighbourhood.

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